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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to an official action bearing a mailing date of 6 August 2004 in which the examiner rejected claims 1 through 8 as pending in the application.

The examiner entered claim rejections under 35 USC 112 and 35 USC 103.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6 and 8 made under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 8 have been amended to address this rejection.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 1 and 7 made under 35 USC 103 on the basis of Shubna, et al. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to address the rejection thereof made on the basis of Shubna.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6 and 8 made under 35 USC 103 on the basis of Shubna, et al. in view of Parson. Applicants also traverse the rejection of claims 4 and 5 made under 35 USC 103 on the basis of France.